developing the facilities. Their technical proposals will be analyzed and evaluated by NHAI before awarding contracts for development of wayside amenities. Any suggestions on the matter received through organizations/ individuals would be considered.

**Port connectivity in Goa**

3331. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of construction of roads/highways undertaken in Goa under port connectivity;

(b) the date, cost and status of construction;

(c) the details regarding sharing of expenditure;

(d) whether any hurdles have crapped up in the way of constructions; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) To provide connectivity to Mormugao Port, upgradation to 4 lane and strengthening of 18.30 km. length of National Highways No. 17-B has been undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs. 80.00 crore as a part of the Port Connectivity Project under the National Highway Development Project Phase-I. The work has been completed in a length of 13.10 km. up to June, 2004 and the work in the remaining length is yet to be taken up.

(c) The project is being implemented through a Special Purpose Vehicle namely Mormugao Port Road Company Ltd. with the following equity contribution.

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| National Highway Authority of India | — | Rs. 24.00 crore |
| Mormugao Port | — | Rs. 20.00 crore |
| Grant by the Ministry of Commerce | — | Rs. 7.50 crore |
| Borrowing | — | Rs. 28.50 crore |

(d) and (e) Upgradation of 5.20 km. length could not be taken up due to delay in land acquisition, shifting of utilities, rehabilitation and resettlement which is to be done by the State Government.